(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether students belonging to the depressed classes and the students belonging to the Mahomedan community are granted the same fee concessions in H. H. the Maha Raja's College, Trivandrum?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Mahomedans alone are allowed half-fee concession in His Highness the Maha Raja's College.

Employment of Excise Staff on the Frontier.

120. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the large Excise staff posted on the frontier is not specially intended to prevent malpractices in regard to toddy smuggling also?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise staff posted at the frontier is bound to discharge with equal alacrity all the duties devolving on it under the Abkari, Tobacco, Salt and Customs Regulations and Rules.

Abkari Regulation.

121. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any amendment to Section 28 of the Abkari Regulation has been recommended by the Excise Commissioner, and if so, when?

(*b*) In what stage is the question of amendment now?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such recommendation has been made by the Excise Commissioner.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) the question does not arise.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the member be pleased to say whether the Law Member did not promise during the discussion of the motion for the reduction of Sub-Inspectors that the question of the amendment of Section 28 of the Abkari Regulation was being considered.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He might have said so. I do not remember.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Does not Section 28 say that an Abkari Officer drawing a salary of Rs. 20 and above is entitled to search houses? Does not that Regulation authorise Petty Officers who draw Rs. 20 and above up to Rs. 28, numbering about 150, to search houses?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is the law. That is Section 28. But a Petty Officer should be appointed as an Abkari Officer.

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